

**PUBLIC NOTICE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2017-12 ML

JUNE 30, 2017

I. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TREATED WASTEWATER INTO WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

NPDES permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

An antidegradation analysis is conducted, as applicable, for new or expanded point source discharges that are proposed. The analysis evaluates whether allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the area in which the waters are located. In all cases, existing instream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing use is maintained and protected.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy in order to receive a permit.

Having reviewed such applications, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the issuance of NPDES permits to the following applicants, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions.

NPDES PERMIT NEW

Johnson County

City of Wrightsville, 2566 East Elm Street, Wrightsville, Georgia 31096, NPDES Permit No. GA0050251 for its proposed Ohoopsee River Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located on Hilton Street, Wrightsville, Georgia 31096 (Johnson County). Up to 1.0 MGD of treated wastewater will be discharged into the Ohoopsee River in the Altamaha River Basin. NPDES Permit No. GA0032395 will be rescinded once the City is given authorization to operate under NPDES Permit GA0050251.

NPDES PERMIT REISSUANCE

Floyd County

International Paper – Rome Mill, 238 Mays Bridge Road SW, Rome, Georgia 30165, NPDES Permit No. GA0001104, for its pulp and paper mill located in Rome, Floyd County, Georgia. An average of 28.4 MGD of Pulp and Paper Mill process wastewater, Sawmill, Woodyard, and Powerhouse process wastewater, stormwater, cooling water, sanitary wastewater, landfill leachate, and wet deck overflow is discharged to the Coosa River and an Unnamed Tributary to Smith/Cabin Creek in the Coosa River Basin.

Liberty County

City of Hinesville, 115 E. MLK Jr. Drive, Hinesville, GA 31313, NPDES Permit No. GA0038792 for its Peacock Creek Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) located at 623 J.V. Road, Hinesville, Georgia 31313 (Liberty County). Up to 4.0 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged into Peacock Creek in the Ogeechee River Basin. Provisions to provide treated effluent to reuse customers have also been included in the draft permit.

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Meriwether County

Georgia-Pacific Wood Products LLC – Warm Springs Georgia Plywood Division, 5875 Chipley Highway, Warm Springs, Georgia 31830, NPDES Permit No. GA0024813, for its wood products facility located in Warm Springs, Meriwether County, Georgia. An average of 0.124 MGD of cooling water, domestic wastewater, equipment wash down, blowdown, backwash, air compressor condensate, stormwater, firefighting activities discharges, pavement/building/foundational washing discharge (no detergents), and wet deck emergency discharge is discharged to an Unnamed Tributary of White Sulfur Creek in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

Twiggs County

Imerys Kaolin, Inc., 618 Kaolin Road, Sandersville, Georgia 31082, NPDES Permit No. GA0003395, for its Kaolin facility located in Jeffersonville, Twiggs County, Georgia. Approximately 3.69 MGD of process water, pit pumpout, and stormwater are discharged to Ugly Creek, unnamed tributaries of Clear Creek, unnamed tributary to Dry Fork, unnamed tributaries to Big Sandy Creek and an unnamed tributary to Dry Branch Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

Wilkinson County

BASF Corporation, 1277 Dedrick Road, McIntyre, Georgia 31054, NPDES Permit No. GA0003271, for its kaolin mining and processing facility located in Gordon, Wilkinson County, Georgia. Approximately 4.59 MGD of process wastewater and stormwater is discharged to Little Commissioner Creek and 0.01 MGD of pilot plant, laboratory wastewater, and stormwater is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Little Commissioner Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

Imerys Clays Inc., Gibraltar Operations, 618 Kaolin Road, Sandersville, Georgia 31082, NPDES Permit No. GA0050245, for its kaolin clay mining facility located at 32350 Highway 112 in Toombsboro, Wilkinson County, Georgia. Approximately 1.58 MGD of process wastewater from kaolin blunging operation commingled with stormwater is discharged to Unnamed tributary to Buck Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

NPDES PERMIT MODIFICATION

Franklin County:

City of Lavonia, P.O. Box 564, Lavonia, Georgia 30553, NPDES Permit No. GA0038661 for its Water Pollution control Plant located at 136 Allen Farm Road, Lavonia, Georgia 30553 (Franklin County). The permit is being modified to correct some effluent limitations and postpone implementation of the Watershed Protection Plan until the plant is expanded to 1.32 MGD.

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NPDES PERMIT TERMINATION

Cherokee County

Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC., 800 Mt. Vernon Hwy, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, NPDES Permit No. GA0045918, for its granite quarry facility located in Ball Ground, Cherokee County, Georgia. The Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC – Cherokee Quarry has requested coverage under the General Mining permit no GAG300000. NPDES Permit No. GA0045918 is no longer necessary.

Lamar County

Vulcan Materials Company, L.L.C. 800 Mount Vernon Highway Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, NPDES Permit No. GA0038768, for its granite crushing and washing facility located in Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia. The Vulcan Materials Company, L.L.C. Lamar County Quarry has requested coverage under the Mining and Processing General Permit. NPDES Permit No. GA0038768 is no longer necessary.

IDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PERMIT

Jackson County

Mission Foods Corporation, 225 John B. Brooks Road, Pendergrass, GA 30567, Permit No. GAP050209, for its food manufacturing facility located at 225 John B. Brooks Road, Pendergrass, GA 30567. Boiler washdown wastewater is discharged to City of Jefferson Water Pollution Control Plant in the Oconee River Basin.

II. LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM PERMIT REISSUANCE

Land Application System (LAS) permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy in order to receive a permit.

LAS PERMIT REISSUANCE

Brooks County

City of Quitman, P.O. Box 208, Quitman, Georgia 31643, LAS Permit No. GAJ020022 for its Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located on US 84, Quitman, Georgia 31643 (Brooks County). 1.3 MGD of treated wastewater is land applied to a dedicated site in Brooks County in the Suwannee River Basin.

Emanuel County:

City of Swainsboro, P.O. Box 600, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, LAS Permit No. GAJ020257 for its Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) located off GA Highway 297, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (Emanuel County). Up to 0.55 MGD of treated wastewater is land applied to a dedicated site in Emanuel County in the Altamaha River Basin.

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Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below or via e-mail at EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov, no later than July 31, 2017. Please use the words "Public Notice No. 2017-12ML" and the name of the subject facility that you are commenting on in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. In the case of the permits which are on this notice for proposed modification, only those conditions subject to modification are open to public comment.

A fact sheet or copy of draft permits are available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK Jr. Dr. S.W., 1152 East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. For additional information contact: Jeff Larson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-1511. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested persons.